

Modifying the existing gratuity rules of the Government Industrial Concerns.

Q.—21. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they propose to modify the existing Gratuity Rules of the Government Industrial Concerns in conformity with the Ordinance ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

It is not clear to which Ordinance the Hon'ble Member is referring. The scheme for payment of service or retiring gratuity was recently introduced in the Mysore Iron and Steel Works. The question of extending it to other Government Industrial Concerns is under consideration. There is at present no proposal to modify the scheme.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Is it a fact that Government have directed Mysore Iron and Steel Works to frame gratuity rules on the basis of rules prevailing in the Railway Department which is defunct, Sir ?

* Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—More or less on the basis of the Railway Department rules that were in existence before the railways were integrated with the Government of India.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Are the Government aware that several Industrial Tribunals in the country have held that the gratuity must be a compulsory privilege and not a discretionary one ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Not that I am definitely aware of.

Firing on the Crowd on 8th of October at Mysore.

Q.—75. Sri S. SRINIVASAYENGAR (T.-Narsipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Police opened fire on the crowd on the 8th of October 1953 at Mysore near southern gate of the Palace ;

(b) if so, the reasons that led to the firing and the casualties that resulted ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is *sub judice*. As regards casualties, four persons died and five were injured due to the firing.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—On a point of order, Sir. The question is under the investigation and it may go to a court of law ; therefore it is *sub judice*. Further it indicates the time and place of occurrence and therefore this question should not be allowed.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let the Government say that.

* Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I thank my Hon'ble friend for having foreseen what my answer would be. I am not in a position to answer that supplementary on this question in view of the fact that the cases are already filed and all of them are *sub judice*.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware, Sir, that the President of the Congress and the Secretary of the Praja Socialist Party issued a statement to the Press urging the Government to institute an enquiry on this firing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am not prepared to answer any further supplementaries on this question, Sir.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up).

Transfer of Officers.

Q.—207. Sri R. K. PRASAD (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they did not give an assurance during the previous Budget Session, that the Government will not keep one and the same officer in the same department for more than five years ; what action has been taken subsequently in this connection ;

(b) whether it has come to their notice that Sri Ramakrishnaiah is in the Financial Branch for more than 10 years ; whether they have thought of transferring him ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(a) and (b) No.